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"AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE."

- Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. (Effective from passage) Not later than January 1, 2023, the
- 4 Insurance Department and the Office of Policy and Management, shall,
- 5 within existing resources, prepare and submit a report, in accordance
- 6 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
- 7 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 8 matters relating to insurance. Such report shall include an evaluation of
- 9 the use of a captive insurance company to reduce premium rate
- 10 increases for policyholders with long-term care insurance policies
- 11 purchased through the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care,
- 12 and any other recommendations to reduce premium rate increases in
- 13 partnership long-term care policies.

14 Sec. 2. Section 13b-127 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes 15 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 16 *January 1, 2023*):

- 17 For the purposes of this section and sections 13b-127a to 13b-127l, 18 inclusive, as amended by this act:
 - (1) "Peer-to-peer car sharing" means the authorized use of a [shared] vehicle [for a consideration] by a person other than the [shared vehicle] <u>vehicle's</u> owner through a <u>peer-to-peer</u> car sharing [platform] <u>program</u>.
 - (2) ["Peer-to-peer car sharing company" or "company"] <u>"Peer-to-peer</u> car sharing program" means [any person, corporation, limited partnership or other legal entity that is engaged in the business of operating a car sharing platform to enable peer-to-peer car sharing in this state. "Peer-to-peer car sharing company"] a car sharing platform that connects vehicle owners with drivers to enable the sharing of vehicles for financial consideration. "Peer-to-peer car sharing program" does not include any person licensed pursuant to section 14-15.
 - (3) "Car sharing platform" means a physical or electronic place, including, but not limited to, a store, a booth, an Internet web site, a catalog or a dedicated software application that allows a shared vehicle owner to make a shared vehicle available for peer-to-peer car sharing and connect a shared vehicle owner with a shared vehicle driver.
- 35 (4) "Car sharing agreement" means the terms and conditions applicable to a shared vehicle owner and a shared vehicle driver that 36 37 govern the use of a shared vehicle through a peer-to-peer sharing 38 program. "Car sharing agreement" does not include any motor vehicle 39 rental contracts.
- 40 (5) "Shared vehicle" means a vehicle that is available for sharing [on a] through a peer-to-peer car sharing [platform] program. "Shared 41 vehicle" does not include a passenger motor vehicle used for rental 42 43 purposes by any person licensed pursuant to section 14-15.

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(6) "Shared vehicle driver" means a person authorized by the shared vehicle owner to drive the shared vehicle under a car sharing agreement. "Shared vehicle driver" does not include a lessee, as that term is used in section 14-15.

- (7) "Shared vehicle owner" means the registered owner, or a person or entity designated by the registered owner, of a vehicle made available on a <u>peer-to-peer</u> car sharing [platform] <u>program.</u> "Shared vehicle <u>owner" does not include a person licensed or required to be licensed pursuant to section 14-15.</u>
- 53 (8) "Car sharing delivery period" means the period of time during 54 which a shared vehicle is being delivered to the location of the car 55 sharing start time, if applicable, as documented by the car sharing 56 agreement.
- 57 (9) "Car sharing period" means the period of time that begins at the 58 start of the car sharing delivery period or, if there is no car sharing 59 delivery period, that begins at the car sharing start time, and ends at the 60 car sharing termination time.
- (10) "Car sharing start time" means the time when a shared vehicle driver takes possession and control of the shared vehicle at or after the time the reservation of a shared vehicle is scheduled to begin [pursuant to a car sharing agreement] as documented in the records of the peer-to-peer car sharing program.
- 66 (11) "Car sharing termination time" means the earliest of the following events:
- (A) The expiration of the agreed upon period of time established for the use of a shared vehicle according to the terms of the car sharing agreement if the shared vehicle is delivered to the location agreed upon in such agreement;
- 72 (B) When the shared vehicle is returned to a location as alternatively 73 agreed upon by the shared vehicle owner and shared vehicle driver as

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74 communicated through a car sharing [platform] <u>program</u> and 75 incorporated into the car sharing agreement; or

- 76 (C) When the shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle owner's 77 authorized designee takes possession and control of the shared vehicle.
- Sec. 3. Section 13b-127a of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective Ianuary 1, 2023*):
- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> shall assume liability of a shared vehicle owner for bodily injury or property damage to third parties, or uninsured and underinsured motorist or personal injury protection losses, during the car sharing period in an amount stated in the peer-to-peer car sharing agreement, but not less than the minimum amounts required by subsection (a) of section [14-112] 38a-334.
 - (b) The assumption of liability under subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any shared vehicle owner who: (1) Makes an intentional or fraudulent material misrepresentation or omission to the peer-to-peer car sharing [company or on] <u>program or through</u> the car sharing [platform] <u>program</u> before the car sharing period in which the liability arose; or (2) acts in concert with a shared vehicle driver who fails to return the shared vehicle pursuant to the car sharing agreement.
- 95 (c) The assumption of liability under subsection (a) of this section 96 shall apply to bodily injury, property damage, uninsured and 97 underinsured motorist or personal injury protection losses by damaged 98 third parties, as prescribed by regulations adopted pursuant to section 99 38a-334.
 - [(c)] (d) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> shall ensure that, during each car sharing period, the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver are insured under an automobile liability insurance policy that: (1) Provides insurance coverage in amounts not less than the minimum amounts [required by subsection (a) of section

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105 14-112] set forth in regulations adopted pursuant to section 38a-334; and
106 (2) recognizes that the shared vehicle insured under the policy is made
107 available and used through a car sharing [platform] program, or does
108 not exclude the use of a shared vehicle by a shared vehicle driver.

- [(d)] (e) The coverage requirements of subsection [(c)] (d) of this section may be satisfied by an automobile liability insurance maintained by the shared vehicle owner, the shared vehicle driver, the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> or the shared vehicle owner, the shared vehicle driver and the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program.
- [(e)] (f) The [automobile liability insurance maintained pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall assume primary liability for a claim:]
 insurer, insurers or peer-to-peer car sharing program providing or maintaining coverage under subsection (d) or (e) of this section shall assume primary liability for a claim when:
 - (1) [During each car sharing period;] A dispute exists as to who was in control of the shared motor vehicle at the time of the loss and the peer-to-peer car sharing program does not have available, did not retain or fails to provide the information required by section 13b-127d, as amended by this act; or
 - (2) [When a dispute exists as to who was in control of the shared vehicle at the time of the loss and the peer-to-peer car sharing company does not have available, did not retain or fails to provide the information required by section 13b-127d that relates to the claim; or] A dispute exists as to whether the shared vehicle was returned to the alternatively agreed upon location as agreed to by the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle operator.
 - [(3) When a dispute exists as to whether the shared vehicle was returned to the alternatively agreed upon location as communicated through the car sharing platform and incorporated into the car sharing agreement.
- (f) If a claim occurs during the car sharing period in another state with

minimum financial responsibility requirements that are higher than the minimum amounts required by subsection (a) of section 14-112, the automobile liability insurance policy maintained pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall provide coverage to satisfy the minimum amounts required by the other state, up to the applicable policy limits.]

- (g) The liability insurance described in subsection (e) of this section that satisfies the insurance requirement of subsection (d) of this section shall be primary during each car sharing period and in the event that a claim occurs in another state with minimum financial responsibility limits higher than those established in subsection (a) of section 14-112, during the car sharing period, the coverage maintained under subsection (e) of this section shall satisfy the difference in minimum coverage amounts, up to the applicable policy limits.
- [(g)] (h) If an automobile liability insurance policy maintained by a shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver has lapsed or does not provide the coverage required pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of this section, the [peer-to-peer car sharing company's automobile liability insurance policy shall provide such coverage] insurance maintained by a peer-to-peer car sharing program shall provide the coverage required by subsection (d) of this section, beginning with the first dollar of a claim, and [the insurance company issuing such policy] shall have the duty to defend a claim except under circumstances as set forth in subsection (b) of this section.
- [(h)] (i) Coverage under an automobile insurance policy maintained by the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> shall not be contingent on another automobile insurance company first denying a claim, nor shall such other insurance company be required to first deny a claim.
- [(i)] (j) Nothing in this section shall:
- 165 (1) Limit the liability of the peer-to-peer car sharing [company]
 166 <u>program</u> for any act or omission of the [company] <u>program</u> that results
 167 in bodily injury to any person as a result of the use of a shared vehicle

- through a car sharing [platform] program; or
- (2) Limit the ability of the peer-to-peer car sharing [company]
- 170 <u>program</u> to contract for indemnification from the shared vehicle owner
- 171 or the shared vehicle driver for economic loss sustained by the
- [company] <u>program</u> resulting from a breach of the terms and conditions
- 173 of the car sharing agreement.
- Sec. 4. Section 13b-127b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 176 *January* 1, 2023):
- When a vehicle owner registers as a shared vehicle owner with a
- 178 peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program but before the shared
- vehicle is made available on the car sharing [platform] program, the
- 180 peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> shall notify the shared
- vehicle owner that, if the shared vehicle has a lien against it, the use of
- the shared vehicle through a car sharing [platform] <u>program</u>, including
- use without physical damage coverage, may violate the terms of the
- 184 contract with the lienholder.
- 185 Sec. 5. Section 13b-127c of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 187 *January* 1, 2023):
- 188 (a) An insurance company that offers automobile liability insurance
- 189 coverage in this state may offer automobile liability insurance policies
- 190 to individuals that exclude any or all coverage and the duty to defend
- 191 or indemnify any claim afforded under a shared vehicle owner's
- automobile liability insurance policy. Such exclusions may include, but
- are not limited to: (1) Liability coverage for bodily injury and property
- 194 damage; (2) personal injury protection coverage; (3) uninsured and
- 195 underinsured motorist coverage; (4) medical payments coverage; (5)
- 196 comprehensive physical damage coverage; or (6) collision physical
- 197 damage coverage.
- 198 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to: (1) Invalidate or limit

an exclusion contained in an automobile liability insurance policy, including any insurance policy that excludes coverage for motor vehicles made available for rent, sharing, hire or business use, or (2) invalidate, limit or restrict an insurance [company that offers] company's ability to offer automobile liability insurance coverage to underwrite, cancel or not renew any insurance policy. Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate, limit or restrict an insurer's ability to cancel and not renew policies.

Sec. 6. Section 13b-127d of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective *January 1, 2023*):

A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program shall collect and verify records pertaining to the use of a shared vehicle, including, but not limited to, the times used, location of the car sharing start time and car sharing termination time, car sharing period fees paid by the shared vehicle driver and revenues received by the shared vehicle owner. The [company] program shall provide such records [: (1) Upon] upon request to the shared vehicle owner, the shared vehicle owner's insurance company or the shared vehicle driver's insurance company to facilitate a claim coverage investigation, settlement, negotiation or litigation, or (2) as required by an agreement entered into pursuant to section 13b-127l. [The company] The program shall retain the records for a time period not less than the applicable personal injury statute of limitations.

223 Sec. 7. Section 13b-127e of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes 224 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 225 *January 1, 2023*):

A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> and a shared vehicle owner shall be exempt from vicarious liability [in accordance] consistent with 49 USC 30106, as amended from time to time, and under any state law or municipal ordinance that imposes liability solely based on vehicle ownership.

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Sec. 8. Section 13b-127f of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes

- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 233 *January 1, 2023*):
- An insurance company that defends or indemnifies a claim against a
- shared vehicle that is excluded under the terms of its automobile
- 236 liability insurance policy shall have a right to seek recovery against the
- insurance company of the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u>
- 238 if the claim is: (1) Made against the shared vehicle owner or the shared
- 239 vehicle driver for loss or injury that occurs during the car sharing
- 240 period; and (2) excluded under the terms of its policy.
- Sec. 9. Section 13b-127g of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
- 242 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 243 *January 1, 2023*):
- 244 (a) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program shall have an
- insurable interest in a shared vehicle during the car sharing period.
- Nothing in this subsection shall create liability for a peer-to-peer car
- 247 sharing [company] program for failure to maintain the insurance
- 248 coverage required pursuant to section 13b-127a, as amended by this act.
- 249 (b) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program may own and
- 250 maintain, as the named insured, one or more policies of automobile
- 251 liability insurance that provides coverage for: (1) Liability assumed by
- 252 the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program under a car sharing
- agreement; (2) any liability of the shared vehicle owner; (3) damage or
- loss to the shared vehicle; or (4) any liability of the shared vehicle driver.
- Sec. 10. Section 13b-127h of the 2022 supplement to the general
- statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 257 (*Effective January 1, 2023*):
- Each car sharing agreement shall, at a minimum, disclose to the
- shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver:
- 260 (1) Any right of the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> to

seek indemnification from the shared vehicle owner or the shared 261 262 vehicle driver for economic loss sustained by the [company] program 263 resulting from a breach of the terms and conditions of the car sharing 264 agreement;

- 265 (2) That an automobile liability insurance policy issued to the shared 266 vehicle owner for the shared vehicle or to the shared vehicle driver does not provide a defense or indemnification for any claim asserted by the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] program;
- 269 (3) That the peer-to-peer car sharing [company's] program's 270 insurance coverage on the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle 271 driver is in effect only during each car sharing period and that, for any 272 use of the shared vehicle by the shared vehicle driver after the car 273 sharing termination time, the shared vehicle driver and the shared 274 vehicle owner may not have insurance coverage;
- 275 (4) The daily rate, fees and, if applicable, any insurance or protection 276 package costs that are charged to the shared vehicle owner or the shared 277 vehicle driver;
- 278 (5) That the shared vehicle owner's automobile liability insurance 279 may not provide coverage for a shared vehicle;
- 280 (6) An emergency telephone number to personnel capable of 281 answering calls for roadside assistance and other customer service 282 inquiries; and
- 283 (7) If there are conditions under which a shared vehicle driver shall 284 maintain a personal automobile insurance policy with certain applicable 285 coverage limits on a primary basis to book a shared vehicle.
- 286 Sec. 11. Section 13b-127i of the 2022 supplement to the general 287 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof 288 (Effective January 1, 2023):
- 289 (a) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> may not enter into 290 a car sharing agreement with a shared vehicle driver unless the shared

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vehicle driver holds an operator's license, as defined in section 14-1, that authorizes the driver to operate a motor vehicle of the same class as the shared vehicle.

- (b) A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> shall keep a record of: (1) The name and address of the shared vehicle driver; (2) the number of the operator's license of each shared vehicle driver; and (3) the place of issuance of the operator's license.
- Sec. 12. Section 13b-127j of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):
 - A peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> is responsible for any equipment, such as a global positioning system, that is put in or on the shared vehicle to monitor or facilitate the car sharing transaction. The [company] <u>program</u> shall indemnify and hold harmless the shared vehicle owner for any damage to or theft of such equipment during the car sharing period, unless caused by the vehicle owner. The [company] <u>program</u> has the right to seek indemnification from the shared vehicle driver for any loss or damage to such equipment that occurs during the car sharing period.
- Sec. 13. Section 13b-127k of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):
- 313 (a) When a shared vehicle owner registers a shared vehicle with a 314 peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> but before the shared vehicle is available on the car sharing [platform] <u>program</u>, the 316 [company] <u>program</u> shall: (1) Verify that the shared vehicle is not subject to a safety recall for which the repairs have not been made; and (2) notify 318 the shared vehicle owner of the requirements under subsection (b) of this section.
- 320 (b) (1) If a shared vehicle owner received an actual notice of a safety 321 recall for the shared vehicle, the shared vehicle owner shall not make

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the shared vehicle available on the car sharing [platform] <u>program</u> until the safety recall repair has been made.

(2) If a shared vehicle owner receives an actual notice of a safety recall for a shared vehicle while the shared vehicle is available on the car sharing [platform] <u>program</u>, the shared vehicle owner shall remove the shared vehicle's availability on the [platform] <u>program</u> as soon as practicable after receiving such notice and until the safety recall repair has been made.

(3) If a shared vehicle owner receives an actual notice of a safety recall for a shared vehicle during the car sharing period, the shared vehicle owner shall notify both the shared vehicle driver and the peer-to-peer car sharing [company] <u>program</u> of the safety recall as soon as practicable."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	January 1, 2023	13b-127
Sec. 3	January 1, 2023	13b-127a
Sec. 4	January 1, 2023	13b-127b
Sec. 5	January 1, 2023	13b-127c
Sec. 6	January 1, 2023	13b-127d
Sec. 7	January 1, 2023	13b-127e
Sec. 8	January 1, 2023	13b-127f
Sec. 9	January 1, 2023	13b-127g
Sec. 10	January 1, 2023	13b-127h
Sec. 11	January 1, 2023	13b-127i
Sec. 12	January 1, 2023	13b-127j
Sec. 13	January 1, 2023	13b-127k